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SUBJECT: LABOR PARTY LEADER SEES MBFR AS KEY TO DUTCH  
ADHERENCE TO NATO

1. ADDRESSING AMERICAN ASSOCIATION LUNCHEON GROUP  
APRIL 24, ED VAN THIJN, FLOOR LEADER OF DUTCH LABOR  
PARTY (PVDA) IN SECOND CHAMBER SAID THAT KEY FOR PVDA  
IN ITS RE-EVALUATION OF NATO MEMBERSHIP THREE YEARS  
HENCE WILL WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN MBFR TALKS. PVDA  
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CONGRESS CALLED FOR RE-EVALUATION OF MEMBERSHIP IN 1978

WITH EYE TO PROGRESS AND EFFORT NATO WAS MAKING TOWARD  
DETENTE. VAN THIJN, WHO WAS IN THAT SMALL VANGUARD AT  
CONGRESS WHICH ACTIVELY SOUGHT TO LIMIT DAMAGE THREATENED  
BY FAR LEFT, TOLD AUDIENCE THAT "NATO FRUSTRATES DETENTE  
BY CONCENTRATING NEGOTIATIONS ON WARSAW PACT SUPERIORITY  
IN MANPOWER AND CONVENTIONAL FORCES." PVDA WOULD HAVE  
NATO ADD ITS SUPERIORITY IN TACTICAL NUCLEAR WEAPONS TO  
SCOPE OF NEGOTIATIONS.

2. OTHER POINTS COVERED BY VAN THIJN, WHO IS A PROTEGE  
OF PRIMIN DEN UYL, INCLUDED NEED FOR SOCIETY TO BE MORE  
RESPONSIVE TO WORKERS, GREATER NEED FOR GOVERNMENTAL  
PLANNING IN CONTROL OF THE ECONOMY, AND HOPE THAT DEMOCRATIC  
SOCIALISM CAN OFFER ALTERNATIVE TO CAPITALISM AND COMMUNISM.

3. WHILE CRITICAL OF THE EEC BECAUSE IT FIRMLY ROOTED IN  
FREE-MARKET SYSTEM, VAN THINJN SAID PVDA LOOKS TO ITS FUTURE  
WITH SOCIALIST EYES. SHOULD UK AND BRITISH LABOR PARTY  
STAY IN AND PLAY ACTIVE ROLE, AS HE THOUGHT THEY MUST,  
SOCIALISTS WOULD HAVE ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF VOTES IN EUROPEAN  
PARLIAMENT.

4. VAN THIJN COMMENTED THAT RECENT PVDA CONGRESS WAS  
STRONGLY ANTI-AMERICAN AND ANTI-CAPITALIST. ANTI-SMERICANISM  
WAS NO SURPRISE SINCE USG "DID NOT MISS AN OPPORTUNITY IN  
LAST FEW YEARS TO COMPROMISE ITSELF IN EYES OF PROGRESSIVE  
PEOPLES." VAN THIJN SAID, HOWEVER, HE BELIEVES US CAN  
RESTORE ITS IMAGE AS A REAL CHAMPION OF DEMOCRACY. INMEAN-  
WHILE, VOCIFEROUS LEFT-WING OF PARTY WILL STICK TO VIEW THAT  
DUTCH MEMBERSHIP IN NATO CONTRAVENES PRINCIPLES OF  
DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM.

5. RESPONDING TO QUESTION AS TO WHETHER THERE WAS  
ANY HOPE FOR SOCIAL-DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL, VAN THIJN SAID THAT  
IT, VIA PORTUGUESE SOCIALIST PARTY WAS ONLY HOPE TO PREVENT  
ESTABLISHMENT OF "LEFT-WING MILITARY DICTATORSHIP."  
DUCH PARLIAMENTARIAN, WHO HAS BEEN ACTIVE WITH  
PORTUGUESE SOCIALISTS SAID HE EXPECTS PSP TO GET ABOUT  
40 PERCENT OF VOTE IF ELECTIONS ARE HONEST.

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6. FULL TEXT OF TALK BEING POCHED TO EUR/WE.  
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